



*STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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ENERGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE

PROMULGATION OF STANDARDS)
BY THE BOARD PURSUANT TO THE)
PROVISIONS OF THE ELECTRIC)
DISCOUNT AND ENERGY)
COMPETITION ACT OF 1999, P.L.)
1999, C. 23)

ORDER ADOPTING FINAL INTERIM
AFFILIATE RELATIONS, FAIR
COMPETITION AND ACCOUNTING
STANDARDS AND RELATED
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

DOCKET NO. EX99030182

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On February 9, 1999 Governor Christine Todd Whitman signed into law the "Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act", N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 et seq. ("the Act"). The Act contains numerous provisions which require the Board of Public Utilities (the "Board") to promulgate and adopt, after notice and opportunity for public comment, a variety of standards related to the implementation of the Act. The Act further requires that many of these standards be adopted on an expedited basis.

In preparation for the release of various draft standards, the Board announced at its open public meeting on February 11, 1999, that over a several month period it would issue for public comment a series of draft interim standards related to the implementation of retail choice for electric power supply. A Public Notice was published in the March 15, 1999 New Jersey Register, announcing the intended release of draft interim standards, including but not limited to fair competition standards, affiliate relations standards, accounting standards, competitive services standards, supplier licensing standards, consumer protection standards, anti-slamming standards, environmental disclosure standards, government energy aggregation program standards, private aggregator and energy agent registration standards, renewable portfolio standards, and net metering, safety and power quality standards for wind and solar photovoltaic systems standards.

On March 31, 1999, the Board released the Draft Interim Affiliate Relations, Fair Competition and Accounting Standards and Related Reporting Requirements for public review and comment. At that time, the Board indicated that it would conduct a public hearing on the subject standards and accept written comments through May 4, 1999. The public hearing was held on April 29, 1999 at the Board's offices in Newark, New Jersey. Addressing the Board at the public hearing were representatives of: Division of the Ratepayer Advocate (RA), contractors' group; marketers' group; utilities' group; South Jersey Gas Company (SJG); and Elizabethtown Gas Company (EGC).

Parties filing written comments on the above Standards included the RA; Atlantic City Electric Company (doing business as Conectiv Power Delivery); Coalition for Fair Competition; GPU Energy; New Energy Ventures; New Jersey Resources; NUI; PP&L Energy Plus; Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G); Rockland Electric Company; SJG; South Jersey Energy.

The Board has carefully reviewed all of the comments received, both oral and written. A number of suggestions from the comments received have been incorporated throughout the Standards, including, but not limited to, clarifications of intent and language. The final Interim Affiliate Relations, Fair Competition and Accounting Standards and Related Reporting Requirements ("Standards") are attached hereto. These Interim Standards shall go into effect immediately upon filing with the Office of Administrative Law and will remain in effect for no longer than 18 months, until final standards are promulgated by the Board, as permitted by the Act. During that period, the Board will gain experience with the competitive electric and gas marketplace that will aid the development and proposal of final standards.

Based upon the foregoing, the Board **ADOPTS** the attached Interim Affiliate Relations, Fair Competition and Accounting Standards and Related Reporting Requirements and **DIRECTS** that these Standards be immediately filed with the Office of Administrative Law.

These Standards will be available upon request from the Office of the Secretary by contacting Rene Good at 1-973-648-2065 or from the Board's website at <http://www.state.nj.us/bpu/>.

DATED: 3/15/00

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